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A "Minority Report"

Surveying the past Thanksgiving week, we again feel compelled to issue a "minority report."
We can't agree with the majority—a majority of the top ranking news-commentators at least,—that the United States has suffered a severe defeat in Egypt and the Near-East and the Russians a great victory.

Of course all the returns are not yet in. In this critical time the international picture may change over night.

But as of today we would say the great victory of Thanksgiving week was won by the United Nations, and the great defeat of the week was suffered by Soviet Russia.

This is taking the long view of course. But after all it is the long view that really counts.

And in the long view a world power—any world power,—that can't keep its satellites loyal except by applying the "iron fist" and shooting down defenseless women and children, is doomed. It just can't be done, and history, particularly modern history, proves it.

Not today or tomorrow, of course, but eventually this attempt of the Russian dictatorship to do what the Kaiser and Hitler tried to do is going to fail, and the appeal to brute force and abject fear, by the Kremlin in Hungary, in our judgment, proves it.

As stated it can't be done. Just as the day of human slavery has passed, so the day of world conquest by force against the will of the conquered, has passed.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower touched on this same theme in his last news conference. He said he was not the table thumping type, the tough martinet who sticks out his chin and tells his listeners what they have to do—or else.

He preferred to persuade them. Persuade them he is right, and thus get their spontaneous voluntary and continuing support, for support obtained through fear and force, will only last as long as the fear lasts, and that is, relatively speaking, brief.

Quite true.

AND so with Russia. So long as the Kremlin could persuade the people of Hungary and the world that to adopt Communism and submit to the dictatorship of Moscow was something they wanted to do and was in their own self-interest, Russia represented a grave danger to this country, and all free nations. But when exactly the contrary reaction is aroused as in Hungary (and we suspect is present but quiescent in Poland, East Germany, and practically all the Soviet satellites) with only superior force left to put down the passion for freedom, then the "bear that walks like a man" better stop showing his teeth and growling, he better, in fact, take a long look at his hole-card, and make sure no one is going to cut off his retreat, to safety and security within his own natural and national boundaries.

AT LEAST that is the way we interpret one of the most tragic and shocking events of Thanksgiving week. We consider the inhuman atrocities perpetrated in Hungary by Russia will eventually do more to bring about the downfall of the Russian dictatorship and give assurance of security for this country and the free world than anything that has happened since the close of World War II.

The hatred thus aroused toward Russia, not only within the boundaries of the decimated nation, but outside of them—in the entire world—will endure long after the folly of the British-French attack on Egypt, for example, has been forgotten.

THE UN is "Tops"
The United Nations had every reason to heartily enjoy its turkey last Thursday, on our national day of "Thanksgiving."
As remarked, the world picture may change—it is still in a state of rapid flux—but sufficient unto the day are the glad tidings thereof, and there were many for the U.N. on the 22nd of November.

But for the U.S. action through the U.N. a hot-war would undoubtedly have occurred and while it might have resulted in a British-French-Israel victory within another week or ten days, World War III would certainly have been threatened, and the fat—and world disaster—(to mix metaphors somewhat) might have been in the fire by now.

As a result of the U.N. there is no war—no hot war at least—and the cold war has dropped close to zero, as of this writing.

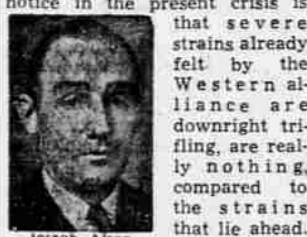
THERE are many important things still to be accomplished. No. 1: the independence and integrity of Israel, which both the U.N. and the USA have pledged must be finally and firmly established. Israel was really created by the U.N. and it certainly could in no way justify deserting its offspring at this crisis in its existence. Egypt and the Arab world must also be guaranteed safety from the all too many Israelite forays allegedly in retaliation.

Somehow—some way—the Suez canal must be internationalized, and all nations, including Israel, must be given free and uninterrupted passage, as was pledged by treaty over half a century ago.

AS USUAL, it is easy to say what SHOULD be done, but not so easy to say HOW to do it. But with the entire world agreed as to the suicidal folly of leaving such a settlement to atomic force and

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE STRAINS AHEAD
Washington — The central point that has virtually escaped notice in the present crisis is that severe strains already felt by the Western alliance are downright trifling, are really nothing, compared to the strains that lie ahead.



Joseph Alsop

The Egyptian solution sponsored by the American policy-makers and the United Nations is quite certain to produce a long chain of consequences elsewhere in the Middle East. These local consequences, in turn, will surely produce further appalling strains that may well imperil the very existence of the grand alliance that has so long guarded freedom in the world. The process has begun already, and in a most instructive manner, in the little country of Transjordan.

After dismissing Glubb Pasha from command of his Arab Legion, young King Hussein of Transjordan adopted the policy of maintaining an uneasy balance between Egypt and Britain. This Jordanian balance was not immediately upset, when Egypt was attacked.

Although previously pledged to come to Egypt's aid, Transjordan made no move while Nasser's Sinai army was being humiliatingly defeated by the Israelis, while the British and French were landing in Egypt, while Nasser, in fact, was being pushed to the wall. But then American diplomacy and Soviet threats combined to transform Nasser's great military defeat into a great political victory.

The effect in Transjordan was instantaneous and electrical. The pro-Egyptians in the Parliament have now rammed through a resolution calling on the government to denounce the treaty with Britain, which has protected their country since Transjordan became a sovereign state. The resolution has not yet been put into effect by Suleiman Nabolsi, the Jordanian premier. But it is only a matter of time before Transjordan breaks his historic link with Britain, and in effect becomes an Egyptian dependency.

THIS illustrates the kind of development that must now

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Comic Strip is Praised
To the Editor: This may be somewhat unusual coming from an airman, but have you ever wondered whether or not anything good has come out of a comic strip besides giving entertainment to the readers?
Something good could come out of the Steve Canyon "comic strip" if the people realize that it is actually pointing a finger of guilt at them. Milton Caniff has seen the problem that faces ALL servicemen and he is trying to enlighten the people that have narrow minds. I will agree that the story as I read it in your Sunday edition may seem a little exaggerated, but actually the problem in basic concepts is quite the same. A couple of first hand examples to back up my statement are:

1. One evening a gang of young men beat up an airman for no reason at all except just that he was an airman. By the time the Air Police arrived at the scene he was in pretty bad shape and needed emergency medical attention. (This type of thing happens all the time.)

2. The only thing that the merchants of Biloxi, Mississippi (where Keeler Air Force Base is located) can seem to say after an airman has had to wait for service and finally got to make a purchase is, "Be sure and come back pay day." Then when you get your pay day, you were there the first time, and very seldom do you ever get any of that "Southern hospitality" you always hear so much about.

What I am trying to point out is that maybe the Steve Canyon "comic strip" will open the eyes of some of the people and make them realize how shabbily and disgracefully they are treating the men who are protecting the rights that keep this country free.

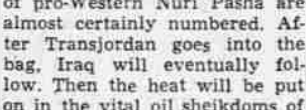
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World War III, it would appear reasonable to expect at least a workable settlement in due time to be reached without it.

And that would mean talking it out instead of shooting it out. And when it comes to talking things out—and successfully—we feel sure even the crusty old pachyderm, still to the right of Louis XVI, would agree the UN is tops.—R.W.R.

Today and Tomorrow By Walter Lippmann

IN THESE DAYS those whose business it is to explain and to comment on the news are having it impressed upon them, if they did not know it before, how big is the difference between making declarations and working out a policy. For a great power like the United States it is always a question, to be weighed with great care in each specific case, how far it should go in making declarations which express sentiments but are not to be followed by actions that correspond to the sentiments.



Walter Lippmann

There are two schools of thought on this question. The one holds that a declaration by the United States has great influence on world opinion, and that world opinion has a great influence on the actions of governments. The other school, while not denying that this is true, is a believer in verbal austerity. It holds that the declarations lost their value, like printing press money, if they are made too often and too easily and with too much resounding rhetoric. This school adheres to the Theodore Roosevelt maxim that it is best to speak softly and to carry a big stick.

COMMENTATORS are likely to be impressed also these days with the stubborn and varied difficulty of things, and to feel a bit shy about calling upon the government to step forward with new bold imaginative policies. I say this as one who has long felt that what the Eisenhower administration has been calling peace was an excessively complacent reliance upon truces which avoided fighting but settled nothing.

In the Middle East we are living now amidst the ruins of that policy. But it is not only the American policy that is in ruins. So too is the British policy. So too, also, is the United Nations policy as it existed up to the time the fighting broke out. And so too, I believe, is Nasser's policy as he conceived it and planned it before the British, the French and the Israelis struck.

What we have in the Middle East is not the failure of the policy of one government but a general failure in which all the great powers individually and the United Nations collectively have great responsibility. As a consequence of the general and all around failure the mold of things is broken and the pieces can never again be put together as they were before.

THAT, however, is freedom. Killing ourselves by our own reckless driving is better than being stood up against a wall and shot by a tyrannical master because we won't conform to the rules he lays down for us.

So let's give thanks for our freedom.

SOMETHING to remember: Before they sat down to their Thanksgiving feast, the Plymouth colonists on that autumn day in 1621 marched up Burial Hill (their feast was on Cole's Hill) and held a grave and serious memorial service for those who had died during the first hard, grim winter.

IT WAS quite a feast they sat down to when they got back from Burial Hill. It included turkey, quail, partridge, woodchuck, duck, calms, oysters, baked fish, lobsters, deer, wildfowl, corn bread, Indian pudding, turnips, potatoes, beets, carrots, wild honey and maple syrup.

100 Candidates Fail To File Expenses
Washington — (U.P.) — About 100 candidates who ran for the House Nov. 6, including many who won, have failed to file required reports on campaign spending, the office of House Clerk Ralph R. Roberts said Saturday.

Labor Party Calls For New Elections
London — (U.P.) — The opposition Labor party renewed demands Saturday for Prime Minister Anthony Eden to resign or call new general elections.

LABOR was quite a woman. Her name was Sarah Josepha Hale, and she was left a widow at 34, with five children to fend for. She did a successful job of fending. In 1830, she became the editor of Godey's Lady's Book, the first woman's magazine in America. To get an idea of the difficulty of her job, you should take a look at some of the women's fashions as pictured in Godey's Lady's Book. Imagine running a magazine all dressed up in clothes like that!

IMAGINE being thankful in 1863—for it was then that our grim and awful Civil War was reaching its grimmest and most awful days. But if you will look back over the pages of history I think you must come to the conclusion that it is in their hours of sorest trial and gravest danger that people and nations APPRECIATE MOST their blessings. It is in our periods of prosperity and plenty that we are most inclined to carp and complain because we haven't GOT MORE.

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Photographer Bob Vroman wanted to get the best possible pictures of the recent eclipse of the moon, so he got just as close to the moon as he could. He climbed to the top of a handy shed.

If makers of Volkswagen automobiles want a testimonial on the roominess of their little vehicles, they might call on the Alan Jewetts and Kenneth Campbells of Medford. The two couples, much to the amazement of a bellhop and doorman, loaded themselves and nine sizable pieces of luggage into one of the cars recently and drove from San Francisco to Medford.

Line Coach Paul Evensen kept a wary eye on members of the Medford High football squad last week when he passed out cigars to Medford Kiwanians. Coaches and players of the Black Tornado were luncheon guests of the club.

Evensen, celebrating the arrival of a daughter, wanted to be certain that there were smokes enough to go around for his host and he wanted the Tornado gridders to maintain their rigid training.

Overheard as some young men came out of a local theater, where a picture was showing with one of the nation's most recent rock 'n roll performers: "Now let's go see a show."

Talking about shows, last week a member of the younger generation telephoned a friend, and little brother answered. Asked where his older brother was, the little one said: "He's gone to see Elvis Presley and Love Me Tenderfoot."

Chicago Policeman Struck With Acid
Chicago — (U.P.) — A 39-year-old Chicago motorcycle policeman was victim of an acid attack late Friday when he stopped a car containing four men at a West Side intersection because it had no license plates.

The victim, Donald Passeri, was treated for acid burns on his face and neck at the Illinois Research Hospital. Physicians said he was able to see after receiving emergency care but that one of his eyes was "apparently seriously affected."

Lt. James McMahon, head of the homicide bureau, said Passeri told him the acid was thrown on him when he walked to the side of the car after curbing it. "I got a glimpse of the vial, and then my eyes were burning. My face was burning, and I couldn't see," Passeri said. He said he heard someone laugh, and the car sped away.

REDS Mass-Producing Guided Missile With Ton Atomic Warhead
Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — Russia is mass-producing a supersonic guided missile capable of dropping a one-ton atomic warhead into a three-square-mile target 650 miles away, military intelligence sources said Saturday.

The rocket is the most powerful of a stable of Soviet missiles new going into production, including a tactical rocket with a 200-mile range and a submarine missile which can be fired from 70 yards under water at a target 150 miles away.

The medium-range missiles with their one-ton warhead are a development of the World War II German V-2. Western intelligence sources believe it was built from captured V-2 blueprints by German scientists who were forcibly deported to Russia at the end of World War II.

Tactical Missile
The tactical missile is known as the "Korolov Rocket" or "Weapon 102." Russia's rocket and missile research center in Moscow, under the direction of Gen. A. S. Jakovlev, has also developed a super-sonic anti-aircraft rocket, radio-controlled to strike faster-than-sound bombers at high altitudes, Western reports said.

Unconfirmed reports say the Russians already have some 20,000 of the bigger "103"-type rockets in stock. Experts here recalled that Soviet Premier Nikolia A. Bulganin only recently threatened to "rocket" London and Paris. The two capitals are just about 650 miles away from the nearest possible rocket launching site in Germany or Poland.

Intelligence Reports
Intelligence reports said that the Soviets operate between six and 10 smaller rocket research and development centers in Russia, many of them with German scientists brought to Russia as forced labor after the war and now working under "voluntary" contracts.

These test centers, reports

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